



AUGUST 2021

USPS Contractor Servicing the Carolinas Unveils New Propane Refueling Station

McAbee Trucking, Inc. is strengthening its commitment to the environment with the purchase of 20 clean propane autogas trucks— increasing the number of propane autogas trucks in the fleet from 7 to 27. Lisa McAbee, the owner of the company, made the announcement during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the installation of McAbee's own state-of-the-art propane autogas refueling station.

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Piedmont Natural Gas Purchases CNG Fueling Station in Greer, SC

Piedmont Natural Gas recently announced its purchase of a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station in Greer, SC, from St. Louis-based Spire CNG Inc. The facility is Piedmont's twelfth CNG fueling station in the company's three-state service territory and its fourth in South Carolina.



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SC Ports Awarded \$1.3 Million Grant for Emission-Reducing Trucks

South Carolina Ports received a \$1.3 million grant to support project partners as they deploy all-electric, energy-efficient trucks in place of diesel trucks.



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Charleston County Hosts Palmetto Clean Fuels for Electric Vehicle Demonstration

On Wednesday, July 28, Charleston County invited Palmetto Clean Fuels staff to demonstrate the Chevy Bolt EV and educate local fleet and administrative staff about electric vehicles. Staff from the City of Charleston, College of Charleston, and the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments were also in attendance.



"We are better when we work together, and I'm very proud of the County for leading the way for more collaboration and better solutions for our citizens."

-Kevin Limehouse, Charleston County Innovation Officer

Aiken Bicycle Shop Donates \$5,000 Electric Bike to North Augusta Public Safety

North Augusta Public Safety has a new set of wheels. Pedego Electric Bikes in Aiken presented one of its Ridge Rider electric mountain bikes to the department as a donation during a North Augusta City Council meeting.



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The Ray and CORE SC Announce Collaboration to Advance Clean Infrastructure Innovation for South Carolina

South Carolina's Center of Resilience Excellence (CORE SC) and The Ray launched a formal partnership to collaborate on initiatives that will advance technology and innovation for the state's transportation infrastructure to pioneer safe, sustainable and resilient design, informing the roadways of the future.



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Upstate Mobility Night at the Greenville Drive- August 26, 2021

Join the Upstate Mobility Alliance and partners on August 26th in Greenville, SC for the first-ever Upstate Mobility Night at the Greenville Drive. Check out the future of electric vehicles, bikes, buses and charging stations with displays throughout the stadium.

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The COMET Receives Low or No Emission Grant Funding

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET), which provides service in Richland and Lexington counties, will receive [\\$2,935,190 in funds](#) to purchase battery electric and fuel cell buses along with charging equipment and supportive infrastructure.

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Ingevity Provides Access to Renewable Natural Gas

Ingevity will manage the adsorbed natural gas (ANG)/renewable natural gas (RNG) program by sourcing RNG— a sustainable fuel produced from existing organic sources generated from landfill, agricultural, and wastewater facilities— through its strategic partner, GreenGasUSA, and accounting for the fuel use of ANG-equipped vehicles with the low-cost, low-pressure fueling appliance.



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Palmetto Clean Fuels Intern Claire Windsor

Palmetto Clean Fuels has had the pleasure of employing Claire Windsor as the Clean Cities University Development Program Intern since the beginning of 2021. Claire has helped expand the coalition's reach by providing support to the Plug in SC Incentive Program, successfully deploying signage to over 70 sites throughout the state. Additionally, Claire helped to put together reports, gather data, conduct research, and maintain connections with stakeholders.



Through the University of South Carolina Honor's College, Claire will be studying and working in Washington, DC for the fall semester. Palmetto Clean Fuels staff sincerely thanks Claire for her support throughout her internship.

If you know of someone looking for an exciting internship in the world of clean transportation, reach out to Ben Kessler [via email](#).

Clemson Receives USDOE Grants to Accelerate Zero Emission Vehicles

Clemson University received a \$5.75M grant from the US Department of Energy (USDOE) for the "manufacturing demonstration of large-scale, multi-material vehicle sub-system." The University also received \$4.33M for the Clemson Transportation Department to research and deploy autonomous shuttles on the main campus.

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MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant Program

The Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) offers Hometown Economic Development Grants to South Carolina cities and towns to implement economic development projects that will make a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. The grant program also promotes and recognizes innovation in economic development practices. Those interested should submit an application online by **Friday, September 24 at 5 PM.**

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On the Go: An On-Road Transportation Podcast with Clean Cities

On the Go: An On-Road Transportation Podcast with Clean Cities is a new podcast featuring experts and fleet practitioners from national labs, federal agencies, utilities, and transportation stakeholders to give listeners on-the-ground insight into the US transportation ecosystem.

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#EVinSC

Each month, Palmetto Clean Fuels will be highlighting electric vehicle owners from across the state!

"I made a commitment to lower my carbon footprint by driving electric and charging it with solar power. I LOVE my



EV because it is smart, safe, quiet, beautiful, powerful and so much fun to drive. No more oil changes or smelly gas stations! It's not just a car ... it's a lifestyle!"

– Rebecca Limpalair, Greenville, SC

Upcoming Events



Upstate Mobility Night at the Greenville Drive

August 26, 2021
Greenville, SC

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ACT Expo
August 30 - September 2,
2021
Long Beach, CA

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Hydrogen Shot Summit
August 31 - September 1,
2021
Virtual

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**2021 STRIDE
Collaborative Virtual
Partners Meeting**
September 7-23, 2021
Virtual

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**Sustainable Fleet
Technology Conference**
September 9 - October 9,
2021
Virtual



**Southeast Governmental
Fleet Managers
Association 2021 Annual
Meeting & Equipment
Show**
September 12-15, 2021



**International Zero
Emission Bus Conference**
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[Kenworth T680 Next Generation offers Cummins Westport ISX12N Near-zero Emissions Natural Gas Engine](#)

[Novel Composite Catalyst Holds Promise for Cost-Effective Ethanol-to-Jet-Fuel Conversion](#)

[Petroleum Use by U.S. Transportation Sector Declined to 12 Million Barrels per day in 2020](#)

[Proterra and LG Energy Solution to Partner on Long-Term Supply Agreement for EV Battery Cells](#)

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[Transit as a Mobility Integrator](#)

[US Environmental Protection Agency: Electric Vehicle Myths](#)

[Westport and Partners Anticipate Testbed Hydrogen Engine Tech by Early 2022](#)

About Palmetto Clean Fuels

Palmetto Clean Fuels Coalition (PCF) is an initiative of the Office of Regulatory Staff - Energy Office. PCF works to increase the use of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies in South Carolina. PCF strives to help public and private entities, as well as individuals, lower fuel costs, improve air quality, and reduce petroleum consumption. PCF also promotes idle reduction, fuel economy measures, vehicle miles traveled reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian efforts.



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